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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)
d/b/a Xcel Energy for Approval of an Administrative Service
Agreement with e prime

4220-AG-122

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.52, to consider the application of Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin (NSPW) for approval of an affiliated interest agreement with e prime.

NSPW is a public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. (Xcel), formerly known as Northern States Power Company – Minnesota. Xcel is a registered holding company subject to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

e prime is a Colorado corporation engaged in the marketing of natural gas and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy Markets Group Inc. Xcel Energy Markets Group Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel.

NSPW and e prime are affiliated interests under Wis. Stat. § 196.52 and e prime is a gas marketing affiliate of NSPW under the Natural Gas Standards of Conduct promulgated in the Commission order in docket 05-GI-108, Phase II.

The proposed affiliated interest agreement would allow NSPW and e prime to enter into gas related transactions such as sales, purchases, swaps, storage management arrangements, or other gas related transactions.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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